Point of order under Standing Orders 27 and 28.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—On a point of order, Sir. Under Standing Orders 27 and 28 of this Council, the admissions to the Council Chamber of visitors, representatives of Press, officials, etc., are to be regulated in accordance with the orders issued by the President. When the conduct of the representatives of the Press is not very commendable, the Members of this Council have to bring such matters to your notice so that necessary action may be taken. I wish to refer to the conduct of the correspondent of the 'Hindu' of Madras. In a report published in the 'Hindu' by the correspondent of that paper with regard to a resolution moved by the Member for Planters, which was to the effect that the loan to the Sitaram Mills, Ltd., should be withdrawn, while the resolution was lost in the Council for want of a seconder, it was stated it was not pressed to a division. The Deputy President of the Council had to rush to the Press to contradict the report in the paper. There was a previous discussion upon the very same loan to the Sitarams on a resolution of the Member for Trippunittura. The arguments in favour of the loans to the Sitaram Mills have been then very elaborately gone through. All these aspects were suppressed with the result that the public began to feel that the whole concern was not working properly. My request is you will be pleased to take notice of the conduct of such correspondents, and in giving admission to them in future you will please see that arrangements are made and guarantees are given so that such things may be avoided in future. Papers are at perfect liberty to make all reasonable criticisms, but they are in duty bound to give a true representation of all that takes place in the Council.

President.—Please make a note of it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I shall also add one more point. The House will remember the other day I was asking certain questions here to the Commissioner of Police as to the action he has taken in connection with the behaviour of a Police Constable to a Member of this House. Of course, my sole idea was, and, as I said, is, that no special privilege should be extended to the Members of this House merely on the ground that they are Members of this House. They must be treated alike as the rest of the public, so far as the Police are concerned. The report has been so twisted as to make a forcible attack upon the Police, because the Police meddled with a Member of this House. 'Attack on a Member', that is the heading. It was twisted in a subtle way. It is very difficult to take exception to

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that. This was so twisted. You read the Police were taken to task, for they meddled with a Member of this House. My request is that the Police Commissioner should not make any consideration to a Member of this House because he is a Member of this House.

President's statement.

President.—Now that the interpellations for the Budget Session have been brought to a close, I beg leave to give information to the House as to where exactly the Government stand in regard to this item of business. The Government received in all 393 questions for answer, of which 308 were answered, leaving 85 unanswered. Of these, 42 were received late. You may remember my holding out an assurance on the eve of the conclusion of the last Legislative Session that, if the questions were sent sufficiently early, no question would be left unanswered. So far as the Secretariat is concerned, there are only 3 questions pending (*hear, hear*), and the pendency of the remaining questions is chiefly due to the non-receipt of the necessary materials from the Departmental Heads. The Secretariat has more than once drawn the attention of the Heads of Departments to the fact that matters relating to the Legislative Council are to be considered as urgent (*hear, hear*), and I am sincerely of opinion that the Heads of Departments have been very earnest in furnishing the necessary materials. In a few cases in which they were not able to do this, the reason is primarily and chiefly want of time. In this connection, I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Hon'ble Members the admirable manner in which my new Secretary, Rama Varmha Tampuran, heartily supported by the hard-working Secretariat staff, performed the onerous work that lay on his shoulders. (*Hear, hear.*) Rama Varmha Tampuran joined the Secretariat only at the end of Mithunam last, and he was soon called upon to shoulder the heavy responsibility of the Budget Session. I hope you will be able to bear testimony to the manner in which he acquitted himself during these long and strenuous sittings in bringing about a harmonious relationship between the non-official and the official block (*hear, hear*). I sincerely trust that he will prove more and more useful to us all in carrying on the deliberations of the Council in a manner worthy of the high expectations formed of it.

The deliberations on the budget for 1105 were brought to a close yester-evening, and I consider it an opportune time to say a few words before I vacate the Chair in favour of the Deputy President for the rest of this concluding day of this year's Budget Session. Let it not be understood

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